THE HON'BLE Ms. JUSTICE G. ROHINI

WRIT PETITION NO.7407 OF 2006

Dated 17th April, 2006.

Between :

1. B. Prabhakar and 26 others. … Petitioners

And

1. The District Collector (Proh. & Excise)

Warangal and another. .. Respondents

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ORDER :

Petitioners claim to be the licensees for sale of Indian Liquor / Foreign Liquor by Bar. It is stated that by virtue of orders of the Collector & District Magistrate dated 20-09-2005 and 17-10-2005 declaring the days mentioned therein as dry days in connection with Municipal Elections and Primary Agricultural Co-operative Societies Elections, respectively, they could not run their business and therefore they are entitled to refund of proportionate licence fee during the closure days. It is stated that they made several representations, but the respondents failed to consider their request. Hence, this writ petition seeking a declaration that the inaction on the part of the 2nd respondent in refunding proportionate licence fee is arbitrary and illegal.

Having heard the learned Counsel for the petitioners as well as the learned Government Pleader for Excise, appearing for the respondents, and keeping in view the fact that independent representations made by the petitioners are received in the Office of the Excise Superintendent, Prohibition & Excise in January, 2006, I deem it appropriate to direct the 2nd respondent to consider the request of the petitioners for refund of proportionate licence fee, and to pass appropriate orders in accordance with law, as expeditiously as possible, preferably within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

The Writ Petition is accordingly disposed of. No costs.

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G.ROHINI, J.

Dt. 17-4-2006

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